

EXAMPLES OF BEST PRACTICES AND NEW COMMITMENTS TO BE HIGHLIGHTED

Local Infrastructure and Policy Coordination



- A. Creating a State, tribal, or local food policy council, committee, or task force
- B. Designating one State, city, tribal, or county department as the lead agency for community food security
- C. Signing an executive order or passing a legislative resolution on Community Food Security
- D. Creating grant programs to support local community food security projects
- E. Sponsoring State, tribal, or local Summits on community food security

Economic and Job Security



- A. Ensuring full utilization of Food Stamps Employment and Training funds and other welfare-to-work programs
- B. Creating or expanding training and placement programs targeted to low-income individuals and families
- C. Providing funding for Community Kitchens or other programs that combine food recovery with job training
- D. Creating or expanding financial management training provided to low-income individuals and families
- E. Creating new, or assisting existing, Individual Development Account (IDA) assets development projects
- F. Increasing the number of working families who use the Earned Income Tax Credit

Nutrition Assistance Safety Net



- A. Implementing public education campaigns to increase participation in the Food Stamp Program
- B. Expanding participation of eligible women and children in the WIC program
- C. Expanding participation in the School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs
- D. Increasing the number of children receiving meals through the Summer Food Service Program
- E. Utilizing USDA's new program to increase the number of schools and nonprofit groups that provide after-school snacks

Key Elements of Community Food Security



Community Food Production and Marketing

- A. Starting or expanding community gardens and farms, and community-supported agriculture projects
- B. Starting or expanding farmers' markets and other forms of direct farmer marketing
- C. Initiating or expanding participation in the WIC Farmers' Nutrition Program
- D. Helping schools purchase food directly from local farmers



Education and Awareness

- A. Implementing plans to increase awareness of community food security problems and solutions
- B. Increasing participation in the Food Stamps Nutrition Education Program, the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP), and other nutrition education and food safety programs



Research, Monitoring and Evaluation

- A. Sponsoring detailed State and local studies of household food insecurity
- B. Mapping State and local food security-related resources



Supplemental Food Provided by Nonprofit Groups



- A. Implementing plans to increase donations to food banks and food rescue groups
- B. Starting or expanding government grant programs for nonprofit groups that collect and distribute food
- C. Increasing the percentage of administrative funds used for food recovery and gleaning from The Emergency Food Assistance Program
- D. Increasing the donation of surplus food from government programs and food service operations
- E. Starting or expanding programs to expand the donation of surplus produce

**Make a commitment to build
your community's local food
system and fight hunger**